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Audrey Tayse Haynes
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Subject: Important Child Care Assistance Program Changes

Dear Recipient:

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), Division of Child Care is making two major changes to the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). These changes are necessary due to a projected shortfall in the department's budget.

Effective April 1, 2013, the CCAP will no longer be taking new applications with some exceptions. The following child groups **will continue to be served**:

- Children receiving child protective or preventive services to avoid removal from the home;
- Children whose parents need child care to meet work participation requirements for the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program (K-TAP);
- Children with special needs requiring specialized care; and
- Teen parents.

Initially the freeze will not impact children who are already enrolled prior to April 1, 2013. These cases will continue receiving CCAP benefits through their eligibility period or until there is a change in family circumstances. After April 1, 2013, families currently receiving CCAP who meet eligibility requirements at the redetermination date will continue in CCAP. Families that do not meet eligibility requirements at redetermination will no longer be eligible for CCAP services.

Effective July 1, 2013, DCBS will reduce the income eligibility used to determine family eligibility for CCAP services. Maximum household income for CCAP will be reduced from at or below 150% of the 2011 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) to at or below 100% of the FPL. For example, effective July 1, 2013 a three-person family cannot have more than \$18,310 in income each year (maximum income is also based on a family size). This income level will not apply to a family who is receiving CCAP due to child protective services or K-TAP work participation.

Please make certain to watch for notices about your case. Make every effort to attend your appointments or reschedule appointments in advance. You should also have required documentation with you when you attend an appointment about your family's eligibility. It is very important that you watch for notices about your case. **If you fail to keep your appointment and are discontinued, you may not be allowed to reapply while intake remains frozen.**

For more information, you can call the Child Care Council at 1-800-809-7076. If you are in Lexington, please call 859-254-9176.

Sincerely,

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Director

